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DEMOCRATS ELECT DELEGATES

OHIO WANTS JACK RABBITS COUNTY AGRICULTURIST HIRED

Attendance At Convention Shows Strength of Party in The County

With practically every precinct represented the Democrats of Union county convened at the court house last Saturday afternoon and after reaffirming their allegiance to the principles and tenets of the democracy and their belief in and advocacy of President Wilson's actions keeping the United States out of the world embroil, selected twelve delegates and twelve alternates to attend the State Convention to select delegates to the National Democratic Convention at St. Louis.

It was the sense of the convention that Union county was entitled to a national delegate and a resolution was introduced and carried instructing Union county delegates to use all fair and honorable methods to have Juan J. Duran appointed as one of the New Mexico delegation to the convention which will re-nominate Woodrow Wilson for the presidency.

John Spring, county chairman, called the convention to order shortly after two o'clock and Carlos Corney, of Folson, and C. O. Dunn were elected temporary chairman and secretary.

John Spring, A. C. Miera and John Knox, appointed by Chairman Corney as a committee on credentials, reported a very full attendance and the work of the convention was begun.

William Eder, Juan J. Duran and Serapio Miera, the committee on permanent organization, previously included W. H. Mauser, of Des Moines, as chairman and Felix Valdez, of Barney, as secretary. Their report was adopted and the two officers were elected to their chairs. Mr. Mauer made a short speech pointing out the necessity of settling out every available Democratic vote.

Serapio Miera, A. C. Miera and Eusebio Martinez were appointed to interpreters.

The Valdez, Gles, D. Suthers and W. H. Mauser, the committee on resolutions, rendered their report, which was adopted with much enthusiasm. The full text of the resolutions and a list of the delegates and alternates which were selected is given in another column of this issue.

Many of the delegates to the convention remained in the city Saturday night to attend the dinner at the Publitan and a few Mr. Godley, of the State Extension Department delivered his talk on the county agent and his work.

FIRE BOYS NET NEAT SUM

Brings Auto Chemical Truck Within Bounds of Realization

The auto chemical truck so badly needed by the city and which has been the dream and aspiration of the Clayton Volunteer Fire Department for a good many years is now only a question of which truck to purchase.

The department netted \$170.00 as their share of the proceeds of the carnival, held here last week, which sum, with the money they already have gives them practically enough to buy the truck contemplated.

The apparatus is one badly needed by the department and its installation will greatly reduce the fire risks in the business district. The chemical truck, by reaching the scene of the fire during its incipiency, is of more value to an efficient department than a larger and more cumbersome hose truck, as the flames can be quickly extinguished before great damage has been done.

Wiggins Buys Yearlings

George Wiggins, of near Kenton, recently bought one hundred and seventy-five head of yearling steers from Art Hollenbeck. They will be fed and fattened for market. Delivery was made the latter part of last week.

Despised Product of Arid Western Plains May Yet Become of Economic Value

Wanted—Young Jack Rabbits to Stock Eastern Farm.

A few years from now that wanted will be a familiar sight in the farm journals and daily papers of the country.

The despised and looked down upon product of the arid western plains, the cross between a molly action tail and a kangaroo that has so often proved a pest to the western farmer may yet become a product of economic value, according to a letter received by Fred J. Hoeddele, one of Union county's up-to-date farmers living near Hayden.

Mr. Hoeddele is in receipt of a letter from the Ohio State Board of Agriculture which asks him to quote prices on an unlimited number of young rabbits to stock eastern farms for delivery during May, June, July and August, after which months old stock would be accepted.

Mr. Hoeddele has not yet quoted a price on the jacks, he being at loss to know just what method to use in trapping them in quantities. Hitherto the principle means of trapping the jack was to use a buckshot loaded number twelve and feed the carcass to the hogs.

The recent letter, however, puts a new light on the question. Maybe the Jack Rabbit is coming into its own at last.

And it may not be many years before some use is found for the jackalope and cattle snake.

THOMAS GILES ASKS NOMINATION

Polymer Brinley Seeks Nomination As Sheriff in Convention

Tom Giles, one of the most popular presidents of the eastern party of the county, announces his candidacy to be nominated as sheriff by the Democratic convention in this issue of the News.

Giles asks the nomination from his party on the ground of a life long Democrat and as a service in the cause which has been fought so bravely and unselfishly for the good of his party without compensation.

He is forty-eight years old and has been resident of Union county twenty-two years, residing here from Texas.

While never a public office holder he is well acquainted with the laws and customs of the state and county and if given the nomination will make the case against his opponent in a clear, wholehearted manner on the platform and premise of "law enforcement regardless of party politics or friendships."

Tom Giles, if elected, will make Union county a sheriff of whom the county can well be proud. He is capable of conducting the office in an efficient manner and in a way with which even his opponents could not find fault.

Kenton Couple Elope

Word has been received here to the effect that Kenton and Springfield, Colorado, were the scenes of an elopement the fore part of last week, when Charlie Collins and Miss Marion Chadderton slipped away to the latter place and were quietly married. They managed to keep the marriage secret for a few days. The young people are popular in Kenton and news of their marriage, while many friends join The News in wishing them a long and happy married life.

To Undergo Operation

Leonard Herzstein left Thursday evening for Trinidad where he will undergo an operation for appendicitis at the San Raphael Hospital.

Party Motor to Trinidad

Simon Herzstein, accompanied by Mrs. Herzstein and two children and Mrs. H. C. Thompson, left Friday noon for Trinidad in Mr. Herzstein's Ford. They will return Monday.

Commissioners Sign Necessary Contract For Securing Farm Demonstrator

Union County will be the eighth New Mexico county to turn up as a progressive agricultural county and employ a County Agent in conjunction with the State and Federal government.

After a meeting, held in the Publitan Cafe, last Saturday evening, at which A. C. Godley, Extension Work Director of the State Agricultural College addressed a number of business men, Mr. Godley, Mr. Sanchez, Captain Snyder and C. G. Dunn were appointed a committee to see the members of the board of county commissioners who were not present and get their signatures to the contract.

Fulgencio G. de Baca signed the contract Thursday and the County Agent is assured. The new Agriculturist will be appointed by the State Extension Department and as yet there has been no intimation as to whom Union County will be indebted for so much advice and help in the years to come.

The meeting of the business men at the Publitan last Saturday night was an interesting one. After the informal dinner the lights were turned off and Mr. Godley gave a brief, but meaty, talk upon the work of the County Agent and illustrated his talk with stereopticon views of actual work being done by Agriculturists in other states.

The speaker gave hours to prove his statement that the County Agent was not a luxury nor an expense, but an investment. In fact, he stated, in one of the wheat growing sections,

the county, the yield of wheat was increased by co-operative work established by the county agent, ten bushels per acre. In another place the farmers were buying brands with immature and frost-killed wheat and had always declared that their section was not subject to winter damage because of the bad brands. The County Agent found

it different. The County Agent found different. They were getting better brands and farms in there were raising wheat and getting more

soil seed to plant and secured a wheat brand which did not grow well in the wheat fields raised by his farmers. He informed some farmers of good wheat and good expense. This was used for experimental purposes and proved suitable for the wheat section. Seed from this wheat was distributed to the farmers of the community and now that section is raising more wheat and getting more money for it than ever before.

Such are the positions which the County Agent takes. But it isn't always large things like that that occupies his time. Besides the difficulties perplexing problems, too. He furnishes farm boys and auto club lunches for the farm boy to select seed and judge livestock and the farm girl to can vegetables and eat meat and even cook scientifically. He helps to organize marketing associations and the social side of his work is in organizing community picnics, community demonstrations and clubs of a nature that will bring the neighborhood together for social betterment.

The work of the Agriculturist is summed up in four general statements.

He is supposed to make the business of farming more profitable.

He helps and instructs the farmer in the best methods of conserving soil fertility.

He uses every facility at this command, and at the command of the United States Department of Agriculture and the State Agricultural College in eradicating diseases of live stock or plant, improving seed and increasing production.

He works all hours of the day at his various duties with one uppermost idea—to devote a more wholesome and satisfactory country life, socially, morally and financially.

RESOLUTIONS

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION:

We, your committee on resolutions, respectfully submit the following report and ask its adoption:

We reaffirm our belief in, and our allegiance to, the great fundamental principles of Democracy as advocated by Thomas Jefferson and other great pioneers of political liberty and justice in the United States, and which are now being so forcefully advocated, and put into practice by our great President, Woodrow Wilson, and the national administration.

We endorse without reserve the principles and policies of the national administration; and especially do we commend the President and Congress for their great work in behalf of all the people. The greatest legislative reforms known to America, reforms that have truly brought about the truth of the saying, "The greatest good to the greatest number," have been enacted into law during the incumbency of President Wilson. Especially do we commend the President for his wise and statesmanlike handling of our foreign affairs, whereby peace and friendly relations have been maintained with all countries and peoples. Such administration of foreign affairs, during a time when the majority of civilized countries are at war, deserves, and should have the hearty endorsement of all true Americans.

We endorse without equivocation, the wise and efficient administration of state affairs by Governor McDonald, and his efficient corps of Democratic assistants.

We heartily endorse the wise, efficient and economical conduct of county affairs by the democratic administration in Union county.

It is a pleasure to the Democracy of Union county to give its endorsement to Hon. A. A. Jones, First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and one of New Mexico's first citizens. In the light of present conditions Mr. Jones is the logical candidate of the Democracy and the people of New Mexico for U. S. Senator, and if nominated, Union County Democracy pledges him a substantial majority.

It is the sense of this convention that President Wilson has proven himself above all presidents in his advocacy and tenets in peace. His preparedness and his unfailing and constant efforts to keep the United States neutral in the world-wide war over the ocean, and it is the further opinion of this assemblage of Democratic voters that the delegates appointed here this afternoon to attend the State Convention use every effort to have a delegation sent to the National Convention that is in favor of the nomination of President Woodrow Wilson.

And we pray the Almighty has seen fit to take from our ranks several of the finer citizens of the state and one of the foremost members of our council as departs this world. And we also pray that the soul of our dear friend, the Rev. F. J. Martinez, may rest in the arms of a merciful goodness and honor his paper and the State and his people.

It grieves us to say goodbye to Hon. H. B. Ferguson, a man who was a New Mexican and her people in our national congress with a strong plow, not to be called to the Great Beyond. His death has a void here in this state and the nation, and we hereby extend our sympathies to his family and host of friends.

Again the Democracy has suffered another great loss in the death of our beloved Senator Taft, and the sympathy of this convention goes extended to his family and friends.

In our last state legislature, controlled by the old Republican gang, Union County was practically disfranchised thru the seating of Hon. G. C. Smith and Hon. Serapio Miera, the duly and honestly elected representatives from this county, and the seating of D. T. Poens and Casimiro Velt for the purpose of securing a two-thirds majority in order to defeat the veto power of our honest governor. Such action is a disgrace to American citizenship and has the strong disapproval and denunciation of this convention. This sort of action has become a habit of the Republican party of New Mexico, and the people of Union county strongly resent it. Democracy believes in the rule of the people their basic principle, and not this the rule of the politicians thru shabby and dishonest methods.

Respectfully Submitted,

PAZ VALVERDE,

C. P. SUTHERS

W. M. MAUSER

DECREES OR OTHER RESOLVED: The delegates elected by this convention are instructed to use all honorable and fair means to secure the selection of Hon. Juan J. Duran, of Union County, as a delegate to the National Democratic Convention to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, on the fourteenth day of June, 1916.

MILITIAL LIST OF DELEGATES FROM UNION COUNTY, TO NEW MEXICO STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Delegates:

Carlos Corney

Juan J. Duran

A. C. Miera

C. P. Suthers

J. S. Bonner

Paz Valverde

R. W. Isaacs

F. G. de Baca

Cruz Gonzales

G. C. Smith

J. E. Skelton

J. C. Slack

Alternates:

Prof. J. W. Thompson

Thos. Giles

Lan Cash

M. Herzstein

T. P. James

Dr. N. E. Charlton

Felix D. Valdez

Dr. W. A. Bristol

Serapio Miera

Harry Ham

J. C. Rodgers

Nestor C. de Baca